

REMARKS

Per a June 30, 2003 conversation with Mr. Clayton LaBalle, supervisor of special cases, the Applicant submits reformatted claims to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173. Also, per the June 30, 2003 conversation, the Applicant provides a "Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration To Correct 'Errors' Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175" and provides a statement showing where there is support in the disclosure for the amendment filed on January 22, 2003.

No changes or amendments have been made to Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, and 16-22, which the Examiner has indicated are in condition for allowance except for formal matters. The Examiner has also indicated that Claims 23 and 24, which depend from allowable independent Claims 9 and 17, respectively, are in condition for allowance. Dependent Claims 23 and 24 each contained a typographical error, and each Claim has been amended to correct the error. Specifically, the word "intersect," which was present in Claims 23 and 24, as seen in the September 18, 2002 amendment, after the word "disposed" has been removed. During the June 30, 2003 conversation, Mr. Clayton LaBalle indicated that, because they depend from allowable Claims 9 and 17, Claims 23 and 24 as amended for the typographical error should be in condition for allowance. The Applicant agrees and submits that Claims 23 and 24, as amended for the typographical error, are in condition for allowance at least because Claims 23 and 24 depend from allowable Claims 9 and 17, respectively.

Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.175, the Applicant provides the support in the disclosure for the amendments made to Claims 1, 4 and 9 on January 22, 2003, and states that support for the amendments can be found in the disclosure at col. 2, lines 14-17, col. 2, lines 23-40, and Figs. 1-2.

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In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14 and 16-24 are in condition for allowance and that all of the stated informalities have been remedied. Withdrawal of the stated informalities is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

While the Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration To Correct Errors Statement
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175